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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACES FOR PRIMARIES."

Strike subsection (b) of section 1 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(b) The registrars of voters of a municipality may reduce the 3 number of polling places required under subsection (a) of this section 4 5 and shall designate such polling place or places not later than sixty days prior to a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, 6 7 the location of which may be the same or different than of those polling places required under subsection (a) of this section. Not earlier 8 9 than sixty days prior to such primary, but not later than forty-five days prior to such primary, the registrars of voters shall notify the Secretary 10 of the State and the candidates seeking nomination to an office in such 11 primary of the change in the polling place or places. If such a 12 candidate objects to a change in the polling place or places, the 13 14 candidate shall notify the Secretary of such objection not later than

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15 four o'clock p.m. on the thirtieth day prior to the primary. Such 16 notification from the candidate shall be in the form of a written letter, signed by the candidate, and shall be held confidential by the 17 Secretary. The Secretary shall promptly notify such registrars of voters 18 19 and any candidate seeking nomination to an office in such primary 20 that the Secretary has received a letter of objection, which notification 21 shall not identify the candidate who objected. If such a candidate so 22 objects, or if a municipality's registrars of voters cannot agree upon a 23 polling place or places for a primary, the polling place or places shall 24 be the same as those used for the election to be held. If any polling place that would otherwise be open pursuant to subsection (a) of this 25 section is closed pursuant to this subsection, the registrars of voters 26 27 shall ensure that a sign is posted at such polling place providing 28 electors with information to redirect the electors to the open polling 29 place or places for the primary. When unaffiliated electors are 30 authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the primary of either of two parties, both parties shall hold their primaries in the same room of 31 each such polling place. Notwithstanding any provision of title 7 or 9, 32 33 any special act, charter or ordinance, if the number of polling places are reduced pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the number 34 of moderators required for such primary may be reduced, if the 35 36 registrars of voters so agree, provided at least one certified moderator 37 serves each polling place."